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Cooling down on Canada Day

Kawartha Dairy ice cream was served on a hot July afternoon at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre for Canada Day. Pictured, Benedict Mburu-Cummins, Elli Welch, and Mary Hamilton are all smiles when serving ice cream on the hot day. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Emotions high at first HHHS town hall

by EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

Thursday, June 29 brought on a few things: the last day of school for local kids, record-high heat waves, increased air quality statements, and the first time the Haliburton

Highlands Health Services (HHHS) made a public appearance since they announced the Minden ED closure on April 20, 2023.

A momentous day overall.

The town hall was implemented as an action item out of the recent HHHS AGM, where communications were addressed as a major area of improvement for the organization.

The Minden Hills town hall was the first of its kind, before HHHS plans to visit each municipality over the coming weeks.

HHHS showed their new faces; with Lauren Ernst, the communications lead for HHHS as the moderator, and Veronica Nelson, the acting president and CEO of HHHS, who stepped into the role on June 12. After start-

ing with a Land Acknowledgement from Minden Hills Mayor Bob Carter, the packed room of over 150 residents were eager to get their questions answered.

"The purpose is to hear from the community, and to work with them and our health sys-

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tem partners to provide quality care to our patients," Nelson said. "Having these productive conversations to shape the future of Haliburton Highlands Health Services really optimizes health and well being in Haliburton County."

Nelson began the session by addressing a series of questions that had been submitted to HHHS in advance, with the first being a query about what is currently being housed at the Minden site. She noted that the Minden Hospital remains open, and continues to offer long-term care, diagnostic services such as x-rays and bone density, access to the Helipad, and the urgent care clinic, operated by the Kawartha North Family Health Team. The clinic can provide care to non-life-threatening health care concerns, as well as walk-ins.

One of the major concerns that arose a multitude of times was the aspect of wait times. "Friends who have recently been to the Haliburton ER describe ballooning wait times," one submitted question noted, "Our summer camps are not yet in full operation and most cottagers haven't arrived yet. How will the Haliburton ER possibly cope with the increased demand?"

Nelson had prepared a slide to address such an issue. She noted that the provincial average for wait times was three hours in the waiting room, with 76 per cent of patients finishing their emergency visit within four hours.

For Haliburton, since the closure of the Minden ED on June 1, patients spent an average of 2.1 hours in the waiting room, with 91 per cent of patients finishing their visit within four hours. Nelson believed that this wait time will lessen as the urgent care clinic in Minden continues to take shape.

Another question raised was in regards to the HHHS deficit of \$4.4 million dollars from 2022-2023. Nelson noted that the approved operating budget for HHHS has indicated a surplus of \$114,000 before net amortization and grant revenues. They are also implementing a human resource service rebuild, as well as a series of reduced utility costs to assist with the deficit.

While Nelson waded through the submitted questions, attendees began to ask her questions on the spot. One of the major concerns was exactly why the closure occurred on June 1, as the summer months hadn't quite opened for business. This led Nelson into discussing staffing.

"The first thing I have to say about staffing is what an incredible, dedicated, fantastic team we have," she said. It was noted that the major reason for the closure was due to a shortage of nursing staff, and the dependency on nursing agency staff, which began in August 2021. "I think that was a turning



point for many organizations," she said, "and since then it has escalated. We were critically short on nursing staff."

It was at this point in the presentation that the crowd began to get a little rowdier. Personal stories were swapped, specific wait times were referenced, and anecdotes were shared that attendees had heard on Facebook.

When one attendee asked about the whereabouts of HHHS Chair David O'Brien, it was reported that he was absent due to a medical appointment. This caused the emotions of the crowd to continue to build. It was noted that O'Brien will be at future town hall meetings.

One attendee did an abundance of research about the "lack" of female staff on the HHHS board, to which Nelson responded that the board is comprised of elected directors (six male and five female); a female CEO, a female chief of staff, a female chief nursing officer, a male president of medical staff, and two community reps, who are both female.

When asked if there were any intentions of re-opening the Minden ED, Nelson paused before responding. "Right now,

we don't have enough staff," she said. "We are actively recruiting staff." When asked how she is going about filling some of those spaces, Nelson said that her main priority is to listen to the needs of the staff. "I want to make sure they have the tools they need at their fingertips to be able to deliver the care they need, when they need it."

Nelson reiterated multiple times that she is new to the role, and she cannot speak on behalf of the decisions that were made prior to her start date. She did outline that she is adamantly working on the "overall culture" of HHHS facilities in hopes that this improves recruitment efforts.

While emotions continued to rise as Nelson tiptoed around the concept of re-opening the ED, the acting CEO stole a moment to herself to collect her emotions. While this slowed some naysayers down, it acted as an opening for others to jump on, and continue hammering home the want for the Minden ED to open.

Nelson will be hosting the second HHHS town hall on July 25 in Dysart at the Haliburton Legion at 5 p.m..



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Local artist Meggan Winsley shows Susie Quackenbush how to complete a screen print during her session on printing at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. The workshop was offered by the Halls Island Artist Residency, and gave participants the chance to roll up their sleeves and make a series of flora and fauna prints using the unique practice. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

Minden refuses to waive resident's open-air fire fine

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

The Minden Hills Fire Department has a zero-tolerance policy regarding the current ban on recreational open fires.

And a McCracken Lane property owner is well aware of the heavy fine that can be incurred by having an open-air fire with friends. That property owner was pegged with an invoice for \$1,476.98 for hosting a bonfire for a daughter and her friends.

Minden Hills Fire Department (MFD) Chief Shain Duda told township council June 29 in his monthly report that no burn permits are being issued for open fire or fireworks.

"We are still under a fire ban," he said.

The fire ban is also at the order of the provincial Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry. Mayor Bob Carter asked how the geographic boundaries of fire bans are decided by the provincial ministry.

Duda said boundaries are determined by regions of the province as opposed to counties.

"Each section of the province has its own region," he said.

The current ban is basically the whole of Ontario.

"With the wildfires that are going on right now across Ontario, it's pretty severe," Duda said.

Contrary to the ban, firefighters responded to a report of an open-air fire at a McCracken Lane location on May 5 at about 9:30 p.m. It was noted that several people were there.

MFD advised the property owner on site, Giuseppe Prosa, that open-air fires are not permitted during a fire ban. The week preceding was dry with only about three millimetres of rain. The township had Fire Ban signs on publicly maintained roads, Fire Ban notices on the municipal website, and published press releases in local newspapers.

"It is the responsibility of property owners to ensure conditions are favourable prior to lighting a fire," Duda wrote in a report to council.

MFD advised that the fire needed to be extinguished and the MFD must stay until it is extinguished and cold to touch.

MFD took a small portable pump with a fire hose to the lake. But, Duda said, Giuseppe Prosa refused to allow the lake to be used out of fear of contamination.

Duda said he explained that the hose and pump would only suck water from the lake.

Those in attendance at the property extinguished the fire with buckets of water.

After the fire was extinguished, MFD staff gathered all their gear and returned it to the fire trucks. And Duda prepared paperwork for the homeowner, explained that the form, to be signed by the homeowner, confirmed that the fire and/or hazard has been extinguished and any fine levied would be their responsibility.

Giuseppe Prosa refused to sign the paperwork, according to Duda's report.

Jennifer Prosa, Giuseppe Prosa's wife, asked the chief by way of a letter that the fine levied for the open-air fire be waived.

"Unfortunately, I was not aware of this ban and must say that I was shocked that there was a ban in effect when the ground was soaking wet from a weeks' worth of rain and cool weather and there were no concerns of fires in the surrounding areas," she said in her letter.

Council agreed not to waive the fine.

Trisha McKibbin, the township's CAO and clerk, asked why the ban remains in effect when there's been some recent rain.

Duda said the precipitation wasn't enough to have soaked the ground sufficiently to be safe.

"It's not penetrating the ground," he said.

In her letter, Jennifer Prosa asked for a breakdown of the fine to show what services are included in the amount. Especially in light of how, as indicated in Duda's report of the incident to council, her guests extinguished the fire before firefighters could.

Duda told council June 29 that the fire wasn't completely extinguished as there was still smoke emanating.

Another point of contention was alleged remarks made by firefighters that responded to the open-air fire.

"I respect the rules," she wrote. "But what I am extremely confused about is the comments made by (Duda's) crew that if it was earlier in the day, they would have educated us but, because it is night, they are going to fine us."

Jennifer Prosa asked in her letter for clarification.

Duda said he was the crew member who spoke with the property owners, told them about the fire ban, that there's

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— MH FIRE CHIEF SHAIN DUDA

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zero tolerance during the ban, and there would be a fine issued.

"I explained to them that, if we were in a low fire rating setting, this is the perfect education and if they were burning during the day without a burn permit that it would be an educational process," Duda said.

"There could be a fine during that time because they didn't have a burn permit is what I explained to them."

Councillor Pam Sayne suggested there's a need for some kind of an educational open house to explain to the public why, despite some rain, it's still important to refrain from recreational open fires.

Duda said any community group or lake association can reach out to the fire department to organize such an information session.

Coun. Tammy McKelvey said Duda's report of the incident indicated that MFD left the McCracken Lane location to go to another call.

Duda said there was a number of open-air fire calls during that week in May.

"We did invoice a few others that were burning during the burn ban," he said.

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July 27 – Regular Council Meeting
August 31 – Regular Council Meeting

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70 years of Minden memories

by EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

When you walk into a home that's filled with memories, warmth, and love, you just know. You can feel it.

Pictures of family members scattering the walls, a collection of baseball caps from over the years, thriving pothos plants hanging lazily out of their pots. "All these plants, they're all from my daughter," said Maxine Snell as she gave me a tour of the place she's called home since 1961.

Maxine celebrated her 87th birthday on June 21. 20 days before that, on June 1, she celebrated 70 years of living in Minden.

"It was June 1, 1953," she said, as she curled up in a blue armchair in her sunny living room, "I was graduating from the business college in Lindsay, and my teacher said she had a good job lined up for me, and told me to go talk to my parents. Well, I was 16 at the time, and I of course wanted to go to a city like Peterborough or Oshawa, but my mother said I'd love Minden, so I went."

She had been offered a position at the Canadian Bank of Commerce as the manager's secretary, before becoming a teller at the facility. The bank building she worked in has since been relocated to become the Sterling Bank, which is now on display at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre and Heritage Village.

"The bank had set up a place for me to board, with Mrs. Edith Welch, which was the house next to the LCBO now in Minden," she said. Maxine shared that she had been living in Minden for a while, when a certain mechanic caught her eye. "He would stare at me every time I'd go by!" As she got to know



Maxine Snell is celebrating calling Minden "home" for the past 70 years. She sat down with the *Times* to share her stories and memories over the years. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff

the mysterious mechanic, she shared that he would take her dancing, to the Dominion Hotel, or to the shows at the theatre.

His name was Oswald Snell.

Three years later, the two were married. "He just looked at me one day and said 'I got something for you' and it was a diamond!" she laughed, with a sparkle in her eye, and the ring still wrapped around her finger.

By 1957, the young couple bought their first home together, a log cabin on Bobcaygeon Road for \$2000, cash. "We were just happy like two kids," Maxine giggled. She had her

first child, Lorne, shortly after, at the Minden Hospital, which was previously located across from the current Home Hardware in Minden.

As the couple expanded their family with two more children, Mary and Karen, they decided it was time to move. Maxine's father had worked at the mill in Coboconk, so all the wood was sourced from there, and it lines the floors and the walls. "I always wanted carpet, because that's what my brothers had, but Oswald wanted hardwood floors, and said they would be better for my allergies, and I am so glad he talked me into them."

The home still boasts that same hardwood throughout the space, with the floors holding the memories of children running, card parties, and birthdays.

As Maxine shared the many memories that have taken place in her hardwood-laden, cozy home, she eventually shared one memory that happened over Easter Weekend in the year 2000. The weekend Oswald passed away. "We had gone away for the weekend, and he said he wasn't feeling well, so

he stayed home," she shared, with a faraway look as she gently squeezed the blue armchair she sat in. "I can still see him here. This was his chair. This was where he would sit."

Maxine recalled the outpouring of love she felt from the community at Oswald's passing. He was a born and raised local Minden boy, so she had the support of friends, family, and coworkers over his long career in mechanics.

After his passing, Maxine dove into volunteering and community involvement. "I have been busy for a lot of years," she chuckled, "I'm a member of the Minden United Church and the Haliburton County Fair board. Also the Minden Auxiliary, and I do card parties at my home to raise money for them."

Maxine won the Senior of the Year award from the Township of Minden Hills in 2018, in recognition of her "outstanding contributions to the community," reads the plaque. "I thought I was there for my granddaughter, Jennifer!" Maxine laughed, "and then suddenly they're calling my name!" The plaque hangs in her living room, surrounded by family photos and growing plants.

Maxine now has five grandchildren and six great-grandchildren. She remains close with her whole family, planning phone calls, visits, and celebrations together. She believes the secret to aging well is walking all the time. "I am always walking, that's my secret. It's good for you!" the 87-year old shared. She also plays shuffleboard weekly at the Minden Curling Club, and has visits with her friends that include tea and cake.

The greatest part about chatting with Maxine Snell, was the rehashing of all the Minden memories. In this day and age, we are quick to hop online for a query, or reach out to a museum or municipal office to ask a question.

But the real keepers of the truth, the tales, the stories, are the locals. The holders of the memories, and a glimpse into the past.

As Maxine sat in her blue armchair and reflected on 70 years in Minden; her friends she's made, the memories she's created, the children she's raised, she looks content, comfortable, and happy.

It sounds like her mother was right all those years ago. Maxine Snell really does love Minden.



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Halt, police! Minden council denies OPP request for sea can

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Minden Hills council scuttled a request for a storage sea can at the Haliburton Highlands OPP detachment.

Despite many residents having such containers on their properties in contradiction of municipal zoning bylaw, a council motion to allow the police a container was defeated.

Sea cans are simply illegal in the township, it was decided during council's June 29 meeting.

Staff Sgt. Robert Flindall, the local OPP detachment commander, asked council to allow the police service to situate a sea can outside their station.

"The size of our detachment limits our usable space for (redacted) storage and we are currently quite full, including a pre-existing shed at the rear of our property," Flindall wrote on a letter to township council.

He said the OPP received permission to purchase the sea can, but Flindall subsequently learned the municipality prohibits the use of such containers.

"This container would not be used for hazardous waste/dangerous goods ... as we do not allow that on site," the officer wrote.

Mayor Bob Carter said using sea cans is the solution the OPP has come up with the work around a lack of storage space at other detachments.

"This is generally what's being done with OPP detachments across the province," he said.

Councillor Ivan Ingram asked if council actually had a bylaw that governed the use of sea cans.

"Do we?" he said. "Do we have a bylaw?"

Trisha McKibbin, the township's clerk, deferred to Colin McKnight, the chief building official.

McKnight said the zoning bylaw forbids sea can use in any zone inside township limits.

"If we allow it at the OPP station, then I'm going to go get one tomorrow and stick it in my backyard for storage," Ingram said. "There's hundreds of them around town which,

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This being a request from the OPP, there might be some special reasons why a sea can is important to them in terms of security.

— COUNCILLOR PAM SAYNE

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at this point, are going to have to be grandfathered in if we ever get a bylaw in place and a staff member to inspect them."

Ingram said the OPP put the cart before the horse if they obtained a sea can before securing permission to place it.

Carter said the local OPP simply got approval from central command to get a sea can. They haven't actually gotten one yet.

"We're not changing the bylaw," Carter said. "We're making a specific exception for them for this purpose."

"What about the hundred other people who have them sitting around?" said Ingram.

Carter: "That's something that—"

Ingram: "No, no, we have to deal with it now because we can't just allow—"

"Coun. Ingram, we can't necessarily change that bylaw right here today," Carter said. "It is something that will be taken up by the planning committee and a proposal put for-

ward. I know that we do have them out there, and we have to deal with them even though they shouldn't have been there in the first place."

Coun. Pam Sayne agreed many people have the containers on their properties. But, she said, this is probably the first time somebody has asked permission instead of taking it upon themselves to just go ahead and thumb their nose at the township.

"This being a request from the OPP, there might be some special reasons why a sea can is important to them in terms of security," Sayne said.

If council were to look into a reason why a sea can is requested as opposed to another type of out-building, then that might justify approving the request, she said.

Coun. Tammy McKelvey suggested council allow a temporary exemption to permit the container.

"I think we're making this way too complicated," Carter said, and added that the local police have special requirements that are met with a sea can.

"While it (a sea can) meets their requirements, it doesn't meet ours," Ingram said. "All we're doing ... is doing something that's not legal by our own standards, by our own policies."

If it's allowed temporarily to be revisited later, Ingram asked Carter when that will be. He said Carter has often deferred topics of discussion but they're never brought up again. Those discussions are even dropped from future meeting agendas, he said.

"I'm not in favour of this whatsoever, whether it's the OPP or the fire department," Ingram said. "We don't allow them."

McKelvey suggested the OPP detachment make an application for an amendment to the zoning bylaw, site specific.

McKnight said the bylaw specifically forbids storage-use of discarded rail cars, street cars, truck bodies, and trailers with or without wheels.

"Shipping containers, although they're not spelled out specifically in there, that is the intent of that, to eliminate them," McKnight said.



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The high road

THE HIGH road may be lonely, but it's the only direction to success.

Those were my thoughts as I watched 150 people berate acting CEO of HHHS Veronica Nelson at a public town hall on June 29.

The event was held on the last day of school, which is why I giggled when Lauren Ernst, the communications lead for HHHS, went over the basic rules for the session; raise your hand if you have a question. Please, only one person speaking at a time. Respect everyone in the room.

Basic rules we all learn in kindergarten. I thought it seemed juvenile that the room filled with adults needed the reminder.

I was wrong.

And I understand that the heat that filled the room was caused by more than the wildfires that burn around us. It's a sensitive topic. A bruise on our township that doesn't seem to be healing.

But what I didn't understand was how this community that's been demanding open communications and transparency, just weren't open to either that day.

With the exception of the very occasional call of support for Nelson, she was met with hostility, anger, and murmurings that drowned out many of the legitimate answers she was trying to deliver.

I have spoken to other people who were in the room since the event, and maybe the jeering was limited to the corner I happened to be sitting in. But this was my experience.

As a reporter, I kept inching closer to the podium to try to actually hear her. Trying to get the story right. I couldn't hear over the clusters of people speaking over her, swapping

reports that they heard on Facebook that trumped anything Nelson was trying to say.

Minden, as a community, we more than anyone, should know how frustrating it is to not feel heard.

We were given an opportunity to be heard, to ask questions, to communicate. That's what we've wanted all along. And Nelson made it clear that she has been in this role for two weeks. I have yogurt in my fridge that's older than the amount of time she has been in this job. She's new, she's trying, and she's listening.

And just because she's not giving us exactly what we want to hear right now, it doesn't mean we don't have to listen. Just because we felt bullied, doesn't mean we need to bully back. We cannot fight fire with fire.

By the end of the town hall, Nelson was in tears. Some folks saw this as a sign to reel it back, to try to show their support. Maybe they crossed a line.

Others tittered on, not dropping the hot topics, not giving her a moment to be human.

The momentum behind the grassroots reopening the Minden ED was beautiful because it was all about community. About giving everyone a voice. About working together. And I agree wholeheartedly; Minden does need an ED.

But we need to take the high road to get it.

So the next time we have something to say, let's try listening to what others have to say around us, and actually focus on the betterment of our community – looking forward instead of back.

Because the rearview mirror serves no purpose on the high road.



EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

INOTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

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The varied reactions of your therapist.

Shoo fly

IT'S NOT uncommon for humans to complain about biting insects during the summer months. But if the truth were to be told, we have it much easier than deer or horses. After all, they both have a biting insect named after them.

I thought about this the other day when a trio of deer showed up on my lawn, which would not have been such a bad thing, had they not also brought along their entourage of deer flies – many of which decided to see how fast and accurately a man could slap himself.

Horses do not have it any easier than deer. They have their own fly too – the horse fly.

If you think about it, the only safe part of a deer or horse, when it comes to their flies, is the area around their tails, which act as little fly swatters. But every unprotected part of them is fair game.

So, what can we learn from this? A tail is an important thing, for one. Without a tail, deer flies would have totally free reign over deer and horse flies would be an even bigger pest to horses.

This finally explains men with ponytails to me. But it also got me thinking that someone ought to be making baseball caps with artificial horse tails attached to the back. My theory is that deer and horse flies would see the tail and decide that it would be best not to try to bite a person in the area that the tail could protect – which basically rules out being bit in the back.

My research shows that the average horse tail is 18 inches long. Therefore, if you hung one off the back of your ball cap,



STEVE GALEA
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one off of the back of each shoulder, and attached one to the back of your belt, you would probably deter a lot of deer flies from ever considering landing on these places. This would also probably deter a lot of construction workers from catcalling as you walked away.

Of course, the tails would not be overly effective unless they swished every few minutes to shoo prospective flies from landing on you. We could make this happen by attaching them to cordless electric fan motors. Alternately, you could just stop every now and again to shake your head and butt to get those tails moving. (Which might actually induce catcalling.)

The only downside to all this is that you would have to be careful when walking around stud stallions – but don't worry, any horse-tail garment I made would have a caution written clearly on the label.

I'm bringing this idea to you because as a reader of this column you presumably understand true genius since you are confronted with it every week. My partner Jenn, on the other hand, who often uses the phrase, "Way to be Einstein!" on me, is now so used to my genius that she just ignores it completely. But when I did show her a conceptual drawing of my horse tail fly deterring hat, using a hair extension that I bought on-line (don't ask), Jenn just suggested that I should put one on the front of my hat too.

Her logic was flawless.

She said it would then be a perfect simulation of a horse's ass.

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Smoke gets in your head

OUR SPRING and summer of smoke is being called abnormal. It's not. It's a new normal that scientists predict will become an even more normal part of our lives.

"This is our potential future," Morgan Crowley, a Canadian Forest Service fire scientist, said in an interview with the Vox media service recently. "It's real. It's really important that we prepare for our future and find ways to reduce the effects on our vulnerable populations."

This year already is the worst forest fire season in Canadian and North American history. Canada has suffered more than 3,000 forest fires since the end of March, burning about 20 million acres. And, we are not quite halfway through the fire season.

It's going to get worse. More forest fires and more smoke clouding our skies and affecting our health will be a fact of life. We need to listen to, and act on, Ms. Crowley's warning to prepare for the future and work on finding ways to protect vulnerable populations.

Changing climate is creating conditions that increase wildfire potential. Higher temperatures and increased wind have been drying out our forests, turning them into tinder boxes.

A key factor in recent forest fire history is something that the public has heard little about. It's called VPD – vapour pressure deficit and is the difference between the amount of moisture actually in the air and the amount of moisture the air could hold.

When the air has much more room for moisture it sucks it out of trees and other plant growth. The larger the moisture deficit, the drier our forests become.

Drier forests don't necessarily mean there will be more fires, but they definitely mean much drier material for a fire to burn. That's why recent fires have been larger than usual and creating more smoke.

There is increasing concern about how wildfire smoke is affecting our health. Breathing in the smoke causes running noses, scratchy throats, irritated sinuses, coughs and headaches. The smoke causes more serious problems for people who suffer asthma, bronchitis, and pulmonary disease.

Wildfire smoke can be seen and smelled but it contains tiny toxic particulates that are invisible to the human eye. These particulates can be comprised of acids, sulphites, nitrates, soot, metals and other things can travel deep into the lungs and the bloodstream.

Some medical researchers suspect that breathing wildfire smoke can increase cancer rates – notably lung and brain cancers. They don't have much solid evidence of that yet and say more study is needed.

There also are suspicions that wildfire smoke is more harmful to infants and also can affect developing fetuses.

New research published in the June issue of the journal *Science of the Total Environment* says smoke particulates from wildfires could cause 4,000 to 9,200 premature deaths a year in the U.S.

What has not received much study yet are the effects of wildfire smoke on our mental health.

The constant talk about smokey grey days and waking up to discover you can't see the far shore of your lake can be stressful and create anxiety.

Some studies of general air pollution have found that bad air can cause unhappiness and depression. One study has said that air pollution is linked not just to depression and anxiety, but causes some functional changes in the brain.

Especially disturbing is a 2022 study that found wildfire smoke exposure during the school year lowered standardized test scores slightly.

Older studies of people affected by wildfire smoke in British Columbia and California found no increase in mental-health-related doctor visits or hospitalizations.

Today, however, psychologists are increasingly reporting patients reacting to natural disasters with feelings of loss and grief.

Global warming, drying climate despite wild rain storms and the smoke are triggering worries about the future. How long will this last? What's next and will it be worse? All questions many of us have and which are questions that disturb our mental well-being.

"Climate change is a mental health issue," says Nancy Piotrowski, a licensed psychologist representative for the American Psychological Association's Society for Environmental, Population and Conservation Psychology.

So wildfire smoke is not just getting into our throats and eyes. It's getting into our heads.



JIM POLING SR.

From *Shaman's Rock*

Haliburton County Heroes



Some good news...

In May, the Times reported on the launch of a new contest through Rhubarb Restaurant, where kindness was celebrated throughout the county. Folks were encouraged to share stories of true kindness, with the winner receiving a gift card to Rhubarb Restaurant, and the Times running the monthly submissions to spread a little good news and kindness. Below is June's winner and submission.

"I have a hero of Haliburton story. I want to nominate Dave Freeman who is retiring from Haliburton Bus Lines. This year he also drove Rowan's bus. He is a lovely man who wears his heart on his sleeve. The day a loved one was dying (I think his parent) he came to work to make sure all kids got to school. He wore the stress of every bus cancellation with enormous weight. This man

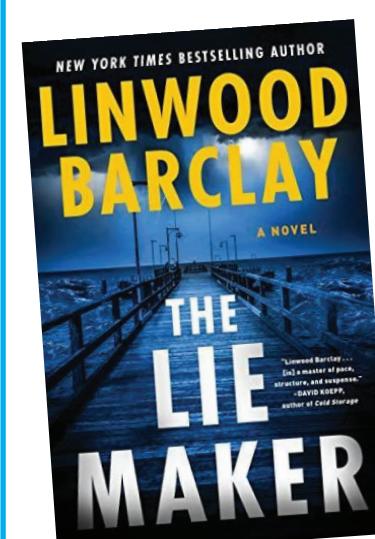
truly cares for his work and his community ... and for Rowan.

Earlier on in the school year he would stay in his driver's seat and wave me into the bus with his hand and point to the rear view mirror and look in awe at the lovely relationship between Geoff (EA) and Rowan, laughing about something at the end of the day. Sometimes the entire bus would be shaking with the laughter of these three people.

On the last day of school, we made him a card in the shape of a bus. Well, he one upped us all and actually gave Rowan a present to celebrate the time they spent together.

I've never met a more proud and authentic person with a stronger work ethic who showed so much care and integrity or all those in his charge. Dave Freeman is a Haliburton Hero deserving of a nice night out. The world needs people like Dave."

HCPL's Book of the Week



Your dad's not a good person. Your dad killed people, son.

These are some of the last words Jack Givins' father spoke to him before he was whisked away by witness protection, leaving Jack and his mother to pick up the shattered pieces of their lives as best they could.

Years later, Jack is working as an unsuccessful author when he gets recruited for a new job: writing fictional backstories for people in the U.S. government's witness-protection program.

The coincidence is astonishing to Jack at first, but he soon realizes this may be a chance to find his dad. But how will he find a man he's never truly known? A man who has done terrible things in his lifetime and made some deadly enemies in the process – enemies who wouldn't think twice about using his own son against him.

The Lie Maker by Linwood Barclay is available to borrow from the Haliburton County Public Library.

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July 6 - September 2, 2023

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Rug Making Workshop (RSVP required)

When: July 12, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Sirch Bistro, 49 Maple Ave. Haliburton
Barbara Fawcett is an experienced fabric crafter who will be teaching us how to make an upcycled rug using old t-shirts! You will walk away with a started rug and the skills and instructions to finish it. Limited to 8 participants. RSVP to events@sirch.on.ca so we know how many supplies to gather. Cost is \$5 if you bring some old t-shirts or \$10 with everything provided.

VOICE Peer Support Drop-In

When: July 13 and 27, 7 to 9 p.m.
Where: Sirch Bistro, 49 Maple Ave. Haliburton
VOICE is a gathering of people working on a better life for ourselves. We meet to share with each other and, in the future, to help improve community services.

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When: July 18, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Sirch Bistro, 49 Maple Ave. Haliburton

For a \$10 material fee, you can learn to needle felt small whimsical friends out of wool. This will be an open workshop, you're welcome to make anything from fried eggs, chickens to mushrooms. The instructor will be there to help guide you and offer their knowledge on felting. RSVP to events@sirch.on.ca.

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Minden council aims to get provincial, federal attention

by JAMES MATTHEWS

Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

Minden Hills council will need some time to get equipped and devise a plan for the removal of four Irondale River log jams.

Mike Timmins, the township's public works director, told council when it met June 29 that the department has neither the necessary equipment or the expertise readily available for the work.

"I believe this will get very expensive and I do think there needs to be some consultation because we have the public reaching out to me on both sides of this argument," Timmins said. "I don't think it's a clearcut decision."

A resident contacted Public Works last winter regarding four log jams in Irondale River. The resident's concerns were about access to the waterway for canoeing and kayaking.

Over the past few weeks, Timmins met with the resident and has made visits to three locations where they would like log jams removed.

Two residents have since called for the log jams' removal.

"I've been out to all four of them," Timmins said. "I will say this is a big task and certainly not something that we're equipped to do. If we want to look into it, there will be quite a bit of background work before we can get to it."

Public Works staff has also received a call from one resident who opposes the removal of the log jams, citing marine habitat for fish and turtles as the main concern.

In February 2023, staff reached out to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (MNRF) looking for support and assistance. Staff were told that the ministry would give permission to complete the work but they would not be involved in any other way.

"Maybe you should just remove some of the beavers from there," Mayor Bob Carter said.

Timmins said Log Jam No. 1 is the largest and can be accessed through Furnace Falls Park. The jam is about 50 metres wide and its removal would require extensive equipment and planning.

"It's got the easiest access simply because it's through our own property," Timmins said.

Log Jams Nos. 2 and 3 are smaller messes of felled trees but they both would be difficult to access with equipment. Both locations can only be accessed by going through private property, which would likely damage natural habitat, Timmins said.

"It's a pretty good hike, so it's back there

pretty far to the point you would have to trek your equipment through the bush," Timmins said of Log Jam No. 2. "You're not zig-zagging between trees. You're going to end up going right through it and you're going to create a mess."

Municipal staff would need to build a ramp to get to Log Jam No. 3.

"I don't see how we would do it without significant damage and remediation to the property," he said.

Log Jam No. 4 also requires crossing private property with equipment that would damage natural habitat. It's off Bumble Bee Lane, which is a private laneway.

"Each one of these (jams) is going to require its own plan and significant thought to get it actually accomplished," Timmins said.

Carter said it's well and good the ministry will provide a letter of support for the work. But, he said, the township is likely on its own should something go wrong.

"Absolutely," Timmins said. "All risk, all cost will be on the township."

Carter said Parks Canada also has an interest in the log jams.

Councillor Pam Sayne said it isn't right that federal and provincial government responsibilities are being downloaded to Timmins and his staff.

"It's not right because it's a safety issue, it's a liability issue, it's an environmental issue, as some of the residents are raising," Sayne said. "These are things that are beyond any of our bylaws, policies. It's beyond our staff training."

She said the township doesn't technically have authority over those waterways. And it's atrocious for it to be dropped into the municipality's lap.

She suggested Minden Hills investigate how other municipalities deal with similar issues downloaded from higher government levels.

Carter said potential consequences should be looked into of the logs removal to bridges, dams, and culverts.

Coun. Tammy McKelvey said she'd like to see something on paper sent to the local MNRF office. And the township should continue to elevate the issue further up the departmental chain.

"We need to start putting all of this in writing so we have their written response," McKelvey said. "These are way too big for us to deal with."

Coun. Ivan Ingram said it's crazy to suggest the township could handle those four log jams removal. He's also worried about the integrity of all the associated tributaries from the Irondale River.



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The sins of the fathers...

OUTSIDER, BY Brent Poppelwell, just published, is an enquiry into what makes an old man – in his 70s – run every day for several hours in the mountains in interior BC. He lives a hermit-y life in a hidden, aging school bus, occasionally coming to town for supplies, but also competing internationally in ‘death races’, the likes of 24-hour marathons in punishing conditions. Before becoming an extreme runner in his 50s, he was an extreme skier of international note, a stunt man, a logger and various other death-defying occupations. A driven man. Why?



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family, with a noted focus on mothers and siblings, fathers a far-second thought. There's growing attention to toxic masculinity, on one hand, and the outing of misogyny on the other. The roar of the war between the sexes. Little wonder the younger generation want gender to be a country without boundaries.

But parenting is indisputably gendered: women bear babies. There is little ambiguity – although potential mystery – about whom one's mother is. With fathers, it's not

so clear. Bottom line, they're who the mother says they are. OMG, the power! Which maybe explains patriarchy. If a man can't be sure whom he's sired, hard to blame him for branding as his own the woman he depends on to ensure his DNA doesn't come to a dead end. And the progeny who carry that DNA.

Although that doesn't really explain why heirs are preferred to be male. Could it be that male lineage allows the sire to imprint on his son socially with a certainty not possible biologically? That evidence of verb-fathering – raising a child – compensates for the invisibility of noun-fathering, ie contributing genetic material? Except, if that were the case, we'd be much clearer about what constitutes good verb-fathering. And we're not, as the confusion around what we're celebrating on Father's Day attests.

In the case of Dag Aaybe, the extreme runner in Poppelwell's book, the mystery at the base of his self-punishment is that it was thought he was sired by a Nazi soldier when they occupied his country, part of the scheme to use the spoils of war, in this case Norwegian women, to ensure the continuation and improvement of the Aryan race. This belief made him an alien in his country, an outsider in the rich (from the maternal side), Nazi-friendly, Norwegian family who adopted him at age two, and possibly the reason for his adoptive mother's mistreatment. His verb-father seemed like a good guy, doing his best under difficult circumstances, but the putative noun-father shrouded his life. It perseveres even when Poppelwell, seized with the mystery for reasons that remain mysterious (although the book ends with he himself becoming a father), finds the name of Dag's birth father, a Norwegian name, only to have it

neutralized by the general understanding that Nazis gave false names to hide their identity, and the inability to find anything more about a man of the given name.

Dag almost made it as a good-enough father himself. He learned he'd noun-fathered a son with a woman with whom he'd lived for a couple years in his wandering life; he received a photo of a 5-year-old boy, no name, no address, no clarity about what, if anything, was wanted of him. That progeny remains a mystery. But he married and had four children and a good-enough family life for maybe twenty years. His wife finally divorced him, but only to legally end a marriage that he had gradually abandoned after he inherited his adoptive mother's estate (she died intestate – he wasn't even good enough to be named as heir!), gave most of it back to Norwegian relatives, withdrew from society, drank himself into oblivion with the remainder of his inheritance, and became an extreme runner. His family life is safely frozen in the past, when he had a life. His current life is day-to-day survival: his daily runs, weather, geopolitical events he hears on radio meticulously journaled as if to prove he has a continuing existence. Until he doesn't. Which seems imminent as he continues to batter his aging body with unreasonable demands.

The jealous God that promised to visit the sins of the fathers of those who hate him into the third and fourth generation certainly did a job on poor Dag. And, perhaps less spectacularly, on countless others. We don't choose our fathers. Women's choice about who will noun-father their children is constrained. Let's celebrate verb-fathers for doing the best they can.

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Principal Jenn Mills laughs while Noa Yates poses for a photo.

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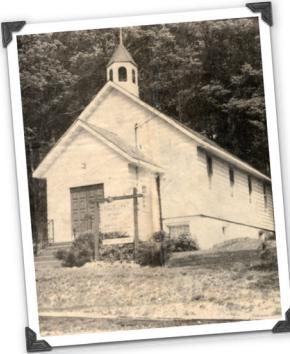
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Location: Church Sanctuary
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Reflections on Pride Month at the Library

by CHRIS STEPHENSON
Special to the Times

Public libraries are for everyone. Throughout the year we celebrate various communities, mark special weeks and months, and create displays to inform and to welcome. A community is composed of all types of folks, and library users are also taxpayers who deserve to see themselves represented at their library branch. If there's something you'd like to read, we do our best to track it down and get it for you. If there's a program or something else you'd like to participate in, we appreciate feedback and seek resources, staff assistance, and community partnerships to find a way to make it happen. And Haliburton County Public Library (HCPL) is definitely on a roll, given the amount of community support we receive. We are so grateful for this.

The library is a place for fun, literacy, lifelong learning, and it's an organization that provides universal access and promotes intellectual freedom for all. If there's something you don't like at the library, then it's simple: we ask you not to choose that reading material for you or your family or attend events that aren't of interest to you. Fortunately, there will undoubtedly be something else that does appeal to you – I can guarantee it – and so can every library worker in the country. Despite what some people may think, we don't operate independently from other library systems. We cooperate with neighbouring communities, and their libraries, near and far. We belong to several networks of libraries across

Ontario, and we have additional connections as a County library system. This spirit of cooperation means we constantly lend expertise, share great ideas, and support other communities through the exchange of information. This includes the Interlibrary Loan program, for example, whereby we do our best to find the book you want or need, even if it's in a city several hours from here. Public libraries were created through cooperation, and it's one of the rare places you can come and enjoy your time without the expectation of needing to pull out your wallet. You are welcome. Your neighbour is welcome.

Our staff go out of their way to reduce barriers to accessing information and to help all people on their learning journeys: whether it's technology help to bring community members up to speed in an ever-changing digital world, or writing courses, ukulele lessons, or advising you on your next great read, we are here for you. Year round, often with personalized attention, enthusiasm, and always with care for your safety and wellbeing.

So, when we celebrate the LGBTQ+ library patrons who enjoy our branches, those taxpaying families, individuals, and allies we know who tell us how much they appreciate our displays, reading recommendations and programs, happening during Pride Month (but also throughout the year), we aren't just following HCPL's Statement of Values. We're recognizing and supporting our community, just as we do every time we open our doors.

As someone recently said on social media, "I don't know who needs to hear this

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You might think library staff morale would be impacted by this criticism, but ultimately, we invest this negative energy into making our displays bigger and better.

— CHRIS STEPHENSON

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but, 'good people' don't spend their time harassing marginalized communities." Unfortunately, Pride Month at HCPL was disrupted by someone hiding and then stealing library books they didn't like seeing on the shelves at a couple of our branches. Imagine that, taking property that a community has collectively purchased!

To be fair, we've had people tell us over the years that we should ban (and even burn!) DVDs or books they personally object to. A poster featured in one of our Pride displays this month was also taken. And for the past eight months, a community member or two has put photocopied sections of the Criminal Code of Canada in the book drop boxes at various library branches. I have quite a pile on my desk now, and they often include short notes such as, "You are committing a crime!" You might think library

staff morale would be impacted by this criticism, but ultimately, we invest this negative energy into making our displays bigger and better – and by replacing the stolen books with an extra copy or two.

Everyone is entitled to their opinion, but fortunately terrible opinions don't get to trump or control the library experience of other patrons at HCPL. We generally know who the folks disrupting our facilities might be. They occasionally surface when we present certain programming or when they discover something they don't like in our online catalogue and point it out to us. They're often initially straightforward with emails, calls, or visits to my office, where they express their opinion and push for some kind of censorship. But if they aren't satisfied with answers about intellectual freedom, that's when they seem to take a vigilante approach. There are just a handful, but they make up for their number with intensity and persistence.

We know our communities very well, and we receive feedback regularly that HCPL is a vibrant community hub that empowers residents and visitors in Haliburton County. The love for our local library system is strong. Rarely a week goes by before someone supports us in some new and exciting way. Last week a major Canadian children's author stopped into the office. Not only did she donate some of her books, but she offered us her time. She's going to help us by participating in Storytimes this summer that will be amazing for kids and their families.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Applicant: Howe
Lot 4, Concession 2, Kushog Lake
Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 4, Concession 2, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 4, Concession 2, described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY: THAT part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 4, Concession 2, described as Parts 1 and 2 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-10808.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the **20th day of July, 2023** and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council.

Dated: July 5th, 2023

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HAPPY CANADA DAY!



Broden McCrea, Kennedy Anderson, and Addison Kulas take a break from fishing to smile for a photo. / EMILY STONEHOUSE staff



Members of the Kinmount Legion march together during Kinmount's Canada Day celebrations. / Tim Yano Special to the Times



PUBLIC NOTICE
Applicant: Pielechaty
Lot 19, Concession 10,
Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 19, Concession 10, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 19, Concession 10, described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY: THAT part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 19, Concession 10, described as Part 4 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-10817.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the **20th day of July, 2023** and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council.

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Evie Devenyi paints rocks while visiting the Minden Hills Cultural Centre for Canada Day festivities on July 1. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

HAPPY CANADA DAY!



The Marshall family from Milton watched over the fishing derby before making their way up to the Cultural Centre on Canada Day.



Kate Wilson, 7, and Jess Wilson get ready to cast at the annual fishing derby on Canada Day in Minden. The derby saw over 300 participants and prizes donated from businesses across the county. /EMILY STONEHOUSE Staff



The Minden Rotary Club served up hot and ready barbecue to all the Canada Day visitors in downtown Minden.



The bouncy castle slide was a hit at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on July 1.

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 **PUBLIC NOTICE**
Applicant: Wisniewski et al
Lot 8, Concession 3
Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 8, Concession 3, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 8, Concession 3, described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY: THAT part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 8, Concession 3, describe as Parts 1,2 and 3 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-10773.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the 20th day of July, 2023 and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council.

Dated: July 5th, 2023

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Applicant: Dies and Blyth
Lot 10, Concession 4,
Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 10, Concession 4, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 10, Concession 4, described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY: THAT part of the original shore road allowance lying in front of Lot 10, Concession 4, described as Parts 8 and 9 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-10804.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the 20th day of July, 2023 and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council.

Dated: July 5th, 2023

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FORM 6 - SALE OF LAND BY PUBLIC TENDER

Municipal Act, 2001
Ontario Regulation 181/03, Municipal Tax Sales Rules

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

TAKE NOTICE that tenders are invited for the purchase of the land(s) described below and will be received until 3:00 p.m. local time on August 14, 2023, at the Township Office, 7 Milne Street, PO Box 359, Minden, Ontario, K0M 2K0.

The tenders will then be opened in public on the same day at 3:30 p.m. at the Township Office.

Description of Lands:

Legal Description:

1. PT LT 13 CON 14 SNOWDON PT 5 19R2400, EXCEPT PT 1 19R5404; MINDEN HILLS. BEING ALL OF PIN 39309-0182 (LT).
Roll # 46 16 042 000 11200 0000 – Township of Minden Hills
Municipal Address: N/A
Minimum Tender Amount: \$7,408.47
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$37,000.00.
2. PT LT 16 CON 10 MINDEN AS IN H35319; MINDEN HILLS.
BEING ALL OF PIN 39190-0078 (LT).
Roll # 46 16 032 000 59600 0000 – Township of Minden Hills
Municipal Address: N/A
Minimum Tender Amount: \$5,849.96
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$19,100.00
3. PT LT 15 CON 3 SNOWDON AS IN SN2258; MINDEN HILLS.
BEING ALL OF PIN 39220-0120 (LT).
Roll # 46 16 041 000 24600 0000 -Township of Minden Hills
Municipal Address: N/A
Minimum Tender Amount: \$7,118.51
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$18,600.00
4. PT LT 8 CON 9 SNOWDON PT 2 19R5597; MINDEN HILLS.
BEING ALL OF PIN 39216-0104 (LT).
Roll # 46 16 041 000 56855 0000 – Township of Minden Hills
Municipal Address: 1113 Vick Road, MINDEN, ON, K0M 2K0
Minimum Tender Amount: \$6,489.31
According to the last returned assessment roll, the assessed value of the land is \$27,500.00

Tenders must be submitted in the prescribed form and must be accompanied by a deposit of at least 20 per cent of the tender amount, which deposit shall be made by way of a certified cheque/bank draft/money order payable to the municipality (or board).

Except as follows, the municipality makes no representation regarding the title to or any other matters relating to the land(s) to be sold. Responsibility for ascertaining these matters rests with the potential purchasers.

Pursuant to the Prohibition on the Purchase of Residential Property by Non-Canadians Act, S.C. 2022, c.10 s.235 (the "Act"), effective January 1, 2023, it is prohibited for a non-Canadian to purchase, directly or indirectly, any residential property, as those terms are defined in the legislation. Contraventions of the Act are punishable by a fine, and offending purchasers may be ordered to sell the residential property. The municipality assumes no responsibility whatsoever for ensuring bidders/tenderers comply with the Act and makes no representations regarding same. Prospective bidders/tenderers are solely responsible for ensuring compliance with the Act and are advised to seek legal advice before participating in this sale.

Transfers of property that contain at least one and not more than six single family residences and are transferred to a non-resident of Canada, foreign entity or taxable trustee are subject to the Province's Non-Resident Speculation Tax (NRST).

This sale is governed by the *Municipal Act, 2001*, and the *Municipal Tax Sales Rules* made under that Act. The successful purchaser will be required to pay the amount tendered plus accumulated taxes and any taxes that may be applicable, such as Land Transfer Tax, Non-Resident Speculation Tax and Harmonized Sales Tax.

The municipality has no obligation to provide vacant possession to the successful purchaser.

A copy of the prescribed form of tender is available on the website of the Government of Ontario Central Forms Repository under the list for the Ministry of Municipal Affairs.

For further information regarding this sale and a copy of the prescribed form of tender contact:

Sherry Mulholland, Deputy Treasurer
THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS
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Township website: www.mindenhill.ca



Matt Duchene has been bought out by the Nashville Predators for the remainder of his contract over the next three years. He has opted to join the Dallas Stars to kick off next season. /Photo submitted

Duchene joins Dallas Stars

by EMILY STONEHOUSE
Editor

Change is in the air for Haliburton local Matt Duchene. On June 30, the 32-year old center was bought out by the Nashville Predators for the remaining three years of his contract with the team. "It was a crazy day and a half that shook us as a family when we found out we were leaving Nashville," Duchene told the *Times*. "Nashville is, and always will be, our home, we've put down some deep roots here."

On June 30, the Preds announced that they would be buying out the remainder of Duchene's contract, which had \$14 million in base salary and \$6 million in bonuses which is to be paid out over the remaining three years.

With the buyout, Duchene became a free agent, and suddenly, he had to make some quick decisions. "I was very fortunate to be able to choose my next team, and to have some amazing options," he said.

Duchene has opted to join the Dallas Stars for one year, and a \$3 million contract. The Stars progressed in the 2023 playoffs before eventually losing to the Las Vegas Golden Knights in the conference finals. The Golden Knights went on to win the Stanley Cup. The Nashville Predators did not make the 2023 playoffs.

"I couldn't be more excited to be joining the Dallas Stars," said Duchene, "they have an incredible team that's ready to win and I'm hopeful for a long, successful playoff run with them."

County inches closer to short-term rental regulations

by JAMES MATTHEWS
Local Journalism Initiative Reporter

After about a year in the making, County Council got a look at bylaws that guide the regulating and licensing of short-term property rentals.

Stephen Stone, the county's planning director, walked council through those draft bylaws and possible next steps to implementation during its June 28 meeting.

Council agreed to revisit the issue at some point in the future, but not until after much discussion.

It's been a long road indeed. A sense of that lengthy process is in the fact that you'll read almost 300 words of recap before you get a single new quote.

The previous county council hired consultant J.L. Richards (JLR) to look into options on how to govern short-term rental properties. A subsequent report provided insight into policies and regulations of similar sized municipalities.

Comparison practices offered a framework of options for the county's own possible regulations and means of licensing.

Council in October 2022 considered a staff report titled Haliburton Short Term Rental Review Final Update. Included in its appendices were the JLR options report and draft bylaws.

The first was a draft registration bylaw which would require STR operators to register their properties in the near term in order to determine the magnitude of this type of business activity on Haliburton's lakes.

The second was a draft licensing bylaw which had the effect of regulating STRs over the long term.

The previous administration received the consultants final report after considerable discussion as to whether the regulation of STRs should be the responsibility of the four townships or the county.

Following various updated reports and more directions to staff, registration and li-

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STRs should fund program: Carter

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censing bylaws were refined.

In February, the law firm of Aird Berlis LLP was retained to provide council with a legal opinion on the functionality of the draft registration and licensing bylaws. They presented their legal opinion with respect to mechanics of implementing the draft short-term rental bylaws on May 10.

The solicitor authored a further legal opinion which was considered in June 14.

Aird Berlis LLP billed the county \$18,418 for the work.

When council initiated the study, a number of municipalities were already engaged in regulating short-term rentals, Stone said.

"Since then, there's been a number of third-party services arising to help assist municipalities in rolling out the program and regulating the program," he said.

Those are monitoring-type services that would work hand-in-hand with municipal staff, he said. Basically, they'll pinpoint where the short-term accommodations are within a municipality based on those property's advertising.

The most recent information the county has indicates there are close to 1,500 short-term properties for rent in Haliburton County. Third-party service providers will engage those operators, inform them that short-term rentals are now regulated by a municipality within the county and they need to be licensed.

Those third-party service providers will ensure compliance to regulations about bedroom restrictions, fire alarm performance, and septic system effectiveness.

"From a monitoring perspective, it takes the burden of responsibility off of municipal staff," Stone said. "It doesn't take them out of the administration side of things."

He said the service is more of a partnership with the municipal staff when it comes to by-law enforcement.

Regardless of whether the short-term rental program is administered at the county level or the municipal level, there needs to be an effective inspection program, said Michael Rutter, the county clerk/CAO.

"Almost like an audit process," he said.

Without sharing specific prices, Rutter said the cost of the third-party service would "be significantly less than the fees generated from the licensing program."

Further, the third-party service would ensure somebody is on hand to respond to late-night complaints about neighbours having large parties.

"Bylaw enforcement staff would be aware of it and then they can follow up at a later date," he said.

Councillor Murray Fearrey, the mayor of Dysart, said he'd like to see the county council pursue the third-party service.

"I think it's got a lot of possibility," Fearrey said.

Coun. Cecil Ryall, the deputy mayor of Highlands East, said property inspections could be tied into a demerit points system.

"You want to earn an inspection, just do it wrong," Ryall said. "We will make sure that you're inspected. That's kind of an incentive to be compliant."

An owner who gets a demerit may be inspected. Inspections are at the discretion of council, he said.

"If you don't want to follow the rules, we'll spot-check to make sure that you do," Ryall

said.

Coun. Bob Carter, Minden Hills' mayor, said one thing that he absolutely insists on is that no taxpayer money goes toward finding the program.

"This program should be totally funded by those who are the short-term rental folks," Carter said.

Rutter said if there were 1,300 active rental properties that pay a \$500 licensing fee. That would generate \$650,000. And, he said, the third-party service cost of which he's aware is pegged at less than \$100,000.

"So that would leave a significant amount of money left," he said.

Fearrey asked if an accommodation tax will be applied to short-term rentals.

Warden Liz Daniels, the mayor of Algonquin Highlands, said that's putting the cart before the horse.

"First we need to decide who is going to be responsible for what," she said.

Coun. Dave Burton, the mayor of Highlands East, said he supports an accommodation tax.

"Parking has been an issue all the way through for me," he said. "I'm adamant that we are going to be able to get our first responders in to these places."

Coun. Walt McKechnie, Dysart's deputy mayor, said parking is going to be an ongoing issue with short-term rentals. He said people who break vehicle limits will lose demerit points.

"We would just set a standard that if you're going to break our parking bylaws, then you're going to be punished and maybe you'll lose your (rental) license," McKechnie said.

Rutter said an accommodation tax couldn't be done at the county level. That would have to be done at the local municipal level.

Carter said he hopes licensing of rental operators could get underway before January. And then the accommodation tax could be discussed by at least January.

"So that all of next year would be covered," Carter said. "Or sometime in the first quarter of next year so that we would have the (accommodation) tax in place for next year's rentals."

Rutter said the third-party could assist with collection of the accommodation tax and forward it to the respective municipality.

Stone said it's time consuming for a municipality to try to collect an accommodation tax from a STR owner. Using 1,300 hosts as a baseline for the number of STRs, he said perhaps 400 who would report what they're making off STRs.

"Even then there's no verification method to say how much money they actually collected and how they are remitting," Stone said.

Carter said, given the introduction of employing a third-party service, more time is needed to look closer at service providers.

Danielsen agreed that it adds a new dimension to be considered by council.

Ryall said taking time isn't procrastination. Rather, he said, it's council's due diligence to make sure they choose the best means to license and regulate STRs.

"At the end of the day we make a good decision that accomplishes something," Ryall said.

"I don't want to defer it for too long," Daniels said. "There's an awful lot of pressure out there that we land somewhere and we make a decision on this. We can't just keep kicking it down the road."

THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS IN SEASON, EVERY SEASON PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider a by-law to stop up, close, and convey the parcel of lands more particularly described as follows:

1. **File No. PLRSA2022042:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake, lying in front of 2020 Twelve Mile Lake Road within Part Lot 10, Concession 12, Geographic Township of Minden.
2. **File No. PLRSA2022079:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Horseshoe Lake, lying in front of 1059 Nawautin Lane within Part Lot 10, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Minden.
3. **File No. PLRSA2023003:** Part of original shore road allowance along the shore of Bat Lake, lying in front of 1092 Touchwood Trail within Part Lot 5, Concession 1, Geographic Township of Minden
4. **File No. PLRSA2023011:** Part of original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of 1067 Halikash Lane within Part Lot 23, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Minden

You can provide input by making a written submission to the Township. To provide input in writing, please contact the undersigned or e-mail adougherty@mindenhill.ca no later than **July 29th, 2023**.

The Council meeting to consider a by-law to stop up, close and convey the parcels listed above will be scheduled for a later date. Should you wish to be notified when a Council meeting has been scheduled, please contact the undersigned or email adougherty@mindenhill.ca no later than **July 29th, 2023**.

The above noted applications are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario by appointment only. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned or by visiting www.mindenhill.ca/newsroom.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE any person who claims that their land will be prejudicially affected is asked to contact the undersigned at their earliest convenience. If deemed advisable, By-laws giving effect to the proposed closure and conveyance will be passed by the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills.

Amanda Dougherty, B.A. (Hons)
Township Planning Consultant
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THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS IN SEASON, EVERY SEASON PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the commenting period with respect to the following applications has concluded and the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills now proposes to consider a by-law to stop up, close, and convey the parcels of land more particularly described as follows:

1. **File No. PLRSA2022003:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Canning Lake, lying in front of 1008 Carefree Drive within Part Lot 11, Concession 14 in the Geographic Township of Snowdon.
2. **File No. PLRSA2022025:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Kashagawigamog Lake, lying in front of 1033 Rays Lane within Part Lot 26, Concession 7, Geographic Township of Minden.
3. **File No. PLRSA2022033:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Twelve Mile Lake, lying in front of 1004 Minstrel Court within Part Lot 13, Concession 11, Geographic Township of Minden.
4. **File No. PLRSA2022062:** Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Davis Lake, lying in front of 1197 Canuck Trail within Part Lot 10, Concession 2, Geographic Township of Lutterworth.

The Council meeting to consider a by-law to stop up, close and convey the parcels listed above will be scheduled for **July 27th, 2023**.

The above noted applications are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario by appointment only. Additional information may be obtained by contacting the undersigned or by visiting www.mindenhill.ca/newsroom.

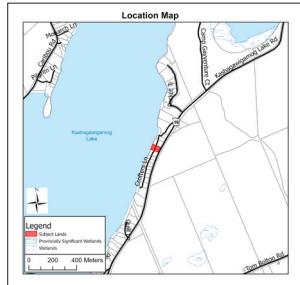
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**Notice of a Second Public Meeting
Concerning a Zoning By-Law Amendment
Part Lot 27, Concession 4, Minden (PLZBA2023008)**

Take Notice that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application under Section 34 of The Planning Act to amend the Township's Zoning By-law. The site-specific amendment applies to a portion of the property located in Part Lot 27, Concession 4, Geographic Township of Minden, being a vacant lot on Crofters Lane and located on Kashagawigamog Lake (see Key Map).



Purpose and Effect: The subject property is currently zoned 'Shoreline Residential (SR)' and is located within the Waterfront designation of the Township's Official Plan. The proposed zoning by-law amendment would serve to rezone the lands from 'Shoreline Residential (SR)' to 'Shoreline Residential-Exception (SR-E)' in order to permit development of the vacant lot in the form of a single-detached dwelling with a basement having a setback of 12 metres to the high-water mark of the lake, together with an attached deck.

And Take Notice that the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a **Second Public Meeting**, to ensure complete public consultation in accordance with The Planning Act. The Public Meeting is an opportunity for Council to hear and consider comments related to the proposed amendment. Any member of the public may speak in favour, or opposition to, the proposed amendment during the Public Meeting.

Date and Location of Public Meeting – PLZBA2023008

Date: Thursday, July 27, 2023
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: This will be a hybrid meeting. Members of the public may attend either in person or virtually via Zoom. Details are provided below.

To Attend in Person:

Location: Members of the Public wishing to watch the meeting in person can do so by attending the Township Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden.

To Participate: Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the public meeting must pre-register by emailing admin@mindenhill.ca by Wednesday July 26th before 4:00 PM or by registering the morning of the meeting before 8:30 AM in the Council Chambers.

To Attend Virtually:

To Watch: Members of the Public wishing to watch the meeting can do so by joining the Meeting Live Stream Link: <https://youtube.com/live/Hj1P19a4vkm?feature=share>

To Participate: Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the Public Meeting must: pre-register by emailing admin@mindenhill.ca by Wednesday July 26th before 4:00 PM or by attending electronically and registering the morning of the meeting before 8:30 AM. Once registered, participants will automatically be placed into a holding room and brought into the meeting as permitted by the Chair.

Participants registering either virtually or in person after 8:30 AM will not be permitted into the public meeting.

To attend the Zoom virtual meeting via Web, type <https://zoom.us/join> or <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/88936147868?pwd=YUFsWXFvNldTaEMrTW55VE5kaXJiQT09> into your browser or attend by dialing the number below:

Telephone: 1-647-374-4685 or 1-647-558-0588
Webinar ID: 889 3614 7868
Passcode: 373582

Written Submissions either in support of or opposition to the application must be received prior to the Public Meeting and can be submitted to admin@mindenhill.ca

Please Note: We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. **Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting** the Township website at: <https://www.mindenhill.ca/council/>. The live-stream link provided for each meeting will only be activated while Council is in session.

Additional Information regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street by appointment. For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at admin@mindenhill.ca or by phone at 705-286-1260 (ext. 506).

Any Person may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

If a Person Or Public Body does not make oral submission at a public meeting or make written submission to the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to the Ontario Land Tribunal.

If a Person Or Public Body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Land Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

If You Wish to Be Notified of the decision of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to the proposed zoning by-law amendment, you must submit a written request to the Township of Minden Hills at admin@mindenhill.ca.

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Dated this 5th day of July, 2023
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**Notice of a Second Public Meeting
Concerning Official Plan and Zoning By-Law Amendments
Township of Minden Hills**

Take Notice that pursuant to Sections 16 and 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O., 1990, as amended, the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will hold a Second Public Meeting for both Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments, which has application to all those lands located within the Township of Minden Hills. As the amendments apply to the Township in its entirety, no key map has been provided.

Purpose and Effect: The proposed official plan and zoning by-law amendments if approved will serve to introduce policies and provisions with respect to permitting additional dwelling units within certain land use designations and zone categories, subject to meeting criteria as provided by the Planning Act. Official Plan policies are proposed to be further amended to clarify shoreline setbacks for existing developed lots within the Waterfront designation, introduce amendments which may be required to be consistent with provincial legislation as well as to amend consent policies to align with the County of Haliburton Official Plan. A further amendment to the Zoning By-law is also proposed to revise various definitions, intended to provide clarity for implementation of the Zoning By-law, as well as to introduce new provisions for deck setbacks, together with amendments to existing provisions for sleeping cabin, home occupation and non-complying buildings and structures; as well as minor revisions for spelling or typographic errors.

And Take Notice that the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a **Second Public Meeting**, to ensure a complete consultation process under the Planning Act and to provide an opportunity for the public to comment on any proposed revisions following the Statutory Public Meeting held on June 29th, 2023. The Public Meeting is an opportunity for Council to hear and consider comments related to the proposed amendments. Any member of the public may speak in favour, or opposition to, the proposed amendments during the Public Meeting.

Date and Location of Second Public Meeting

Date: Thursday, July 27, 2023
Time: 9:00 AM
Location: This will be a hybrid meeting. Members of the public may attend either in person or virtually via Zoom. Details are provided below.

To Attend in Person:

Location: Members of the Public wishing to watch the meeting in person can do so by attending the Township Council Chambers, located at 7 Milne Street, Minden.

To Participate: Members of the public wishing to participate and make comment/speak at the public meeting must pre-register by emailing admin@mindenhill.ca by Wednesday July 26th before 4:00 PM or by registering the morning of the meeting before 8:30 AM in the Council Chambers.

To Attend Virtually:

To Watch: Members of the Public wishing to watch the meeting can do so by joining the Meeting Live Stream Link: <https://youtube.com/live/Hj1P19a4vkm?feature=share>

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Please Note: We encourage those wishing to view the meeting to also download the agenda, as it will not be displayed during the streaming process. Meeting agendas can be downloaded by visiting the Township website at: <https://www.mindenhill.ca/council/>.

Written Submissions either in support of or opposition to the application must be received prior to the Public Meeting and can be submitted to admin@mindenhill.ca

Any Person may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Official Plan and Zoning By-law Amendments.

Additional Information regarding the proposed Amendments is available to the public for inspection at the Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street by appointment and will be available online by visiting www.mindenhill.ca/newsroom. For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at admin@mindenhill.ca or by phone at 705-286-1260 (ext. 506).

If a person or public body would otherwise have an ability to appeal the decision of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal but the person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Minden Hills before the proposed official plan amendment is adopted or the by-law with respect to the zoning by-law amendment is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision.

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SIRCH lights the community with supportive initiatives

by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

SIRCH Community Service's 35th annual general meeting was held, in person, for the first time since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, at the SIRCH Bistro and Bakery on Thursday, June 28 in Haliburton.

"Have you ever been asked the question, 'What is it that SIRCH does?' I'm asked that all the time, and it gives me cause to reflect," SIRCH president of the board of directors Barbara Fawcett said. "Now I tell people, 'SIRCH is in the business of creating opportunities to ease the lives of those people living with unmet needs.'"

SIRCH's end-of-year fund balance saw a 15 per cent increase from last year. Thirteen per cent of their revenue came from fundraising and donations, and they had a 29 per cent increase in donations this year.

SIRCH's School's Cool program saw some significant changes. They started developing the first parent-directed program following the loss of government funding for in-person classes.

School's Cool will offer 24 Days of School's Cool, the parent-directed program, as well as one in-person program at Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden this year.

With their Community Action Program for Children and the Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program, 25 parents and 75 children were supported.

They collected and gave away 1069 cold weather clothing items with their Share the Warmth initiative.

The Repair Cafe was brought back this

year and took place three times. Twenty-two volunteers helped 122 visitors repair electronics, bikes, furniture, and more, keeping these items out of landfills.

Training has taken a step back following the shift in the working world following the pandemic.

The pandemic created a shortage of workers and abundance of jobs.

"Training is a really good example of SIRCH pivoting," said SIRCH executive director Gena Robertson. "We're talking right across the country, not just us. It's how things have evolved from COVID. Training got us all this other stuff that we now do to support the community."

SIRCH's Community Kitchen is pumping out 400 nutritious meals into the community each week. They also continued the Lunch Is On Us program every Wednesday during the winter.

"It's the heart and soul of what we do," Robertson said.

This year, their three year grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation will end, but it allowed for the creation of their Bistro, Bakery, and Training Centre.

A second OTF grant will help build on food initiatives.

"This will include a pilot for an affordable mobile produce market this summer and cooking classes in the fall," said Robertson.

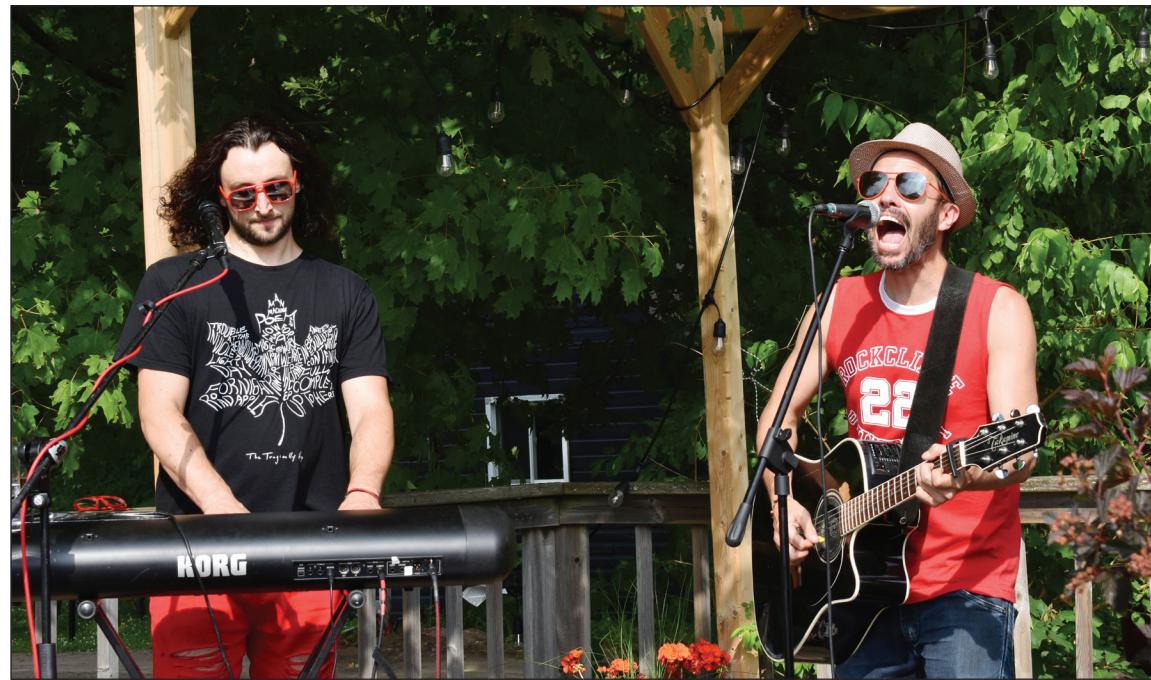
The mobile market will visit Harcourt, Cardiff, and Gooderham.

SIRCH has also been hosting two to three events per week including live music, a board game cafe, BINGO nights, and craft nights, all to fulfill the "encouraging connection" aspect of their mission.

"All of us who work or volunteer for SIRCH do it out of love. During the pandemic, it may have appeared to some that we slowed down. In fact, the very opposite has been true. SIRCH leadership, staff, and volunteers continued programs where they could be run so that no one fell through the cracks if we could help it," said Fawcett.

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The Stoned Robins perform at the Rockcliffe - Moore Falls on Canada Day to celebrate the one year anniversary since opening the Moore Falls location. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



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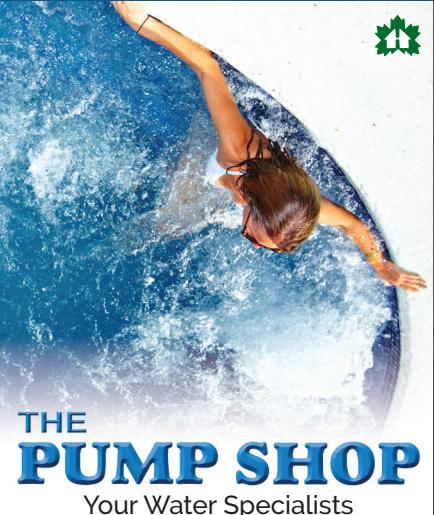
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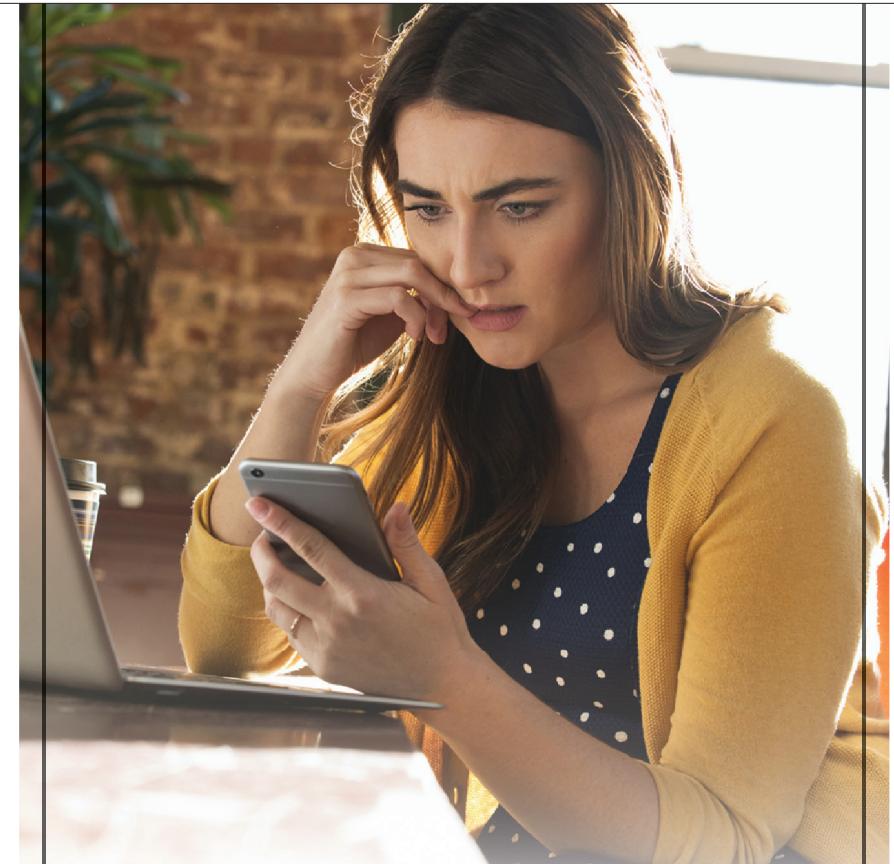
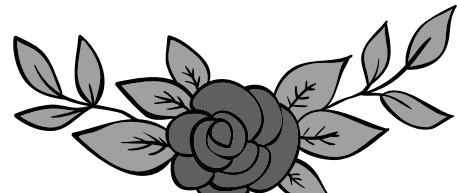
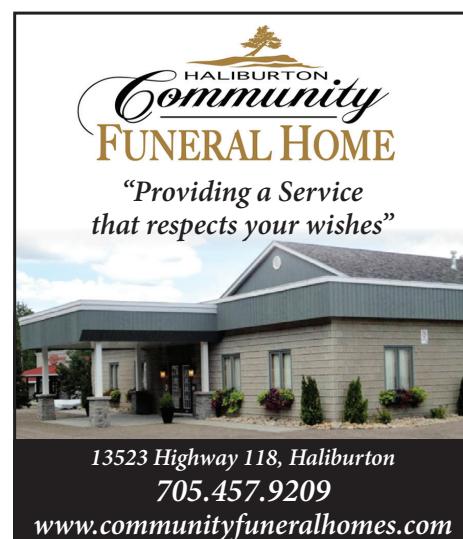


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Despite the oppressive weather this past week, artist John Lennard was able to spend several days on the mural. The 12 foot by 60 foot canvas on the side of The Times building depicts the early logging history of the Haliburton Highlands. This photo was taken last Friday, when cooler conditions allowed the artist to make some progress before it became too hot.

Fire ban imposed

The fire ban instituted last Wednesday is expected to continue into this week despite the rainfall received Friday.

The ban was invoked Wednesday across Haliburton County, and most of

Lottery windfalls will go to the hospital fund

Two Haliburton County municipalities are about to cash in on some winning numbers from the Ontario Lottery Corporation. Both Anson, Hindon and Minden and Dysart council have agreed to give the windfall with the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation.

Dysart will receive \$19,871 from the Ontario Lottery Corporation, while AH&M is receiving \$12,776 as part of its advance funding program for charities. The province, through the Management Board, is giving local municipalities up to \$40 million for redistribution to local charities. The funding has been divided on a per capita basis. The advance program will only last until March 31, 1999.

After some discussion among council members at a July 15 meeting, Reeve Murray Fearrey suggested that this money could be directed to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, since the municipality is already committed to giving money to the foundation, either through the

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Central Ontario north to the North Bay region, after several weeks of extremely hot and dry weather.

The conditions left the forests tinder dry and so the ban was ordered of the fire chiefs across the county and the Ministry of Natural Resources. While the rain which fell Friday offered some relief, one spokesman said that to bring the rating back to a reasonable range would require a steady rain for at least 24 hours. The showers, though heavy at times, were generally not enough to eliminate the hazardous conditions. Therefore the ban will remain in effect until conditions improve.

While most burning is banned, there are some exceptions. "It's a ban on all burning including campfires," said Mackenzie. But with a recent change in policy, some fires can be lit at resorts or large facilities providing they meet the stringent requirements laid out by the Ministry of Natural Resources. Anyone who has questions regarding these restrictions should contact the MNR for information before considering lighting any fires.

According to Mackenzie, all eight fire teams based in Haliburton have had a busy summer. Not only have they been extinguishing fires in this area, including a fire in Algonquin Park last week, several teams were sent to northern Ontario to fight fires near Geraldton.

Two teams have also been sent to The Yukon. "We have been busy," said Mackenzie. It is hoped the ban will help reduce the number of calls and give the NR and municipal fire departments a respite from the number of calls. Residents are advised to watch the fire danger rating signs located throughout the county. They are updated on a daily basis.

Piecing it together

Quilters gathered on Friday and Saturday to work on the new Archie Stouffer Quilt at the Minden County Town Museum. The blocks were painted by grade three students from the school and arranged by Marcella Smith. Here Jean Cox, grade three student Jessie Stamp, Hilda Deacon and Fiona McFarland stitch a fish pattern around the border to go with the under the sea theme of the quilt. The finished product will be one of the many on display at the Second annual Quilt, Rug and Fibre Arts Show on July 25 and 26 at the Minden Community Centre. In addition to the quilts the show this weekend will feature hooked rugs, toothbrush and four braid rugs, demonstrations, musical entertainment, a selection of antique cars and workshops. The show opens each day at 9 a.m.



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